

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 7:05 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Diane Mederos, Richard Pierce and Isadore Ramos. Legal Counsel, Raymond Marcaccio and Executive Director Robert Kando were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman West:

Acting Chairman West requested a moment of silence for John Daluz, Past-Chairman of the Board of Elections.

1. The Board may vote to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2016.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2016. Voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

2. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Woonsocket Democratic City Committee pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

A motion was made to continue the appeal of fines by Woonsocket Democratic City Committee until the Board of Elections have proper documentation for authorized representation of the Woonsocket Democratic City Committee. Voting to continue the agenda item were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

3. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Richard K. Vaughan pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Richard K. Vaughan was unable to attend. A motion was made to continue the appeal of fines of Richard K. Vaughan. Voting to continue were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

4. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Chad R. Mollica pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Chad R. Mollica was unable to attend. A motion was made to continue the appeal of fines of Chad R. Mollica. Voting to continue were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

5. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Eunice D. DeLaHoz pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

After a summary of the penalties owed by Eunice D. DeLaHoz, a motion was made to assess a fine of \$50.00 to be paid within a two week period. Voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

6. The Board may hear and vote upon the appeal filed by Roger Lord, challenging a January 26, 2016, voter registration determination by the Town of Tiverton Board of Canvassers concerning Jonathan A. Cottrell.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made that the matter be returned to the Board of Canvassers of Tiverton for more appropriate action and that a stenographer document and notarize the decision of the Board of Canvassers and if there are specific findings of fact the Board of Elections may hear an appeal. Voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

7. The Board may vote to approve amendments to its regulation relating to the registration of voters, to be submitted for public review and comment, consistent with the rule making requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2, et seq.

After a brief discussion and recommendations from John Marion of Common Cause Rhode Island, a motion was made to accept and proceed in the process of rulemaking amendments. Voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

8. The Board may vote to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) to discuss and/or vote on possible violations of campaign finance laws in one (1) campaign finance matter.

Before moving to executive session, Acting Chairman West announced that he would be stepping down as Acting Chairman and as Vice-Chairman. He stated that a vote should be taken at the next scheduled meeting for a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Acting Chairman West also acknowledged and thanked Frank Rego for his years of dedication as a member of the Board of Elections.

A motion was then made to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) to discuss and/or vote on possible violations of campaign finance laws in one(1) campaign finance matter. Voting to meet in executive session were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board meet in Executive session at 8:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 8:14 P.M.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made to close the minutes of the executive session and schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, June 22, 2016. A motion was made to adjourn, voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

10. Adjournment